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Bandipur inferno doused in night-long operation

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MTY&BCT)- In what is considered as a major fire accident in the recent days, over 1,500 acres of forests have been reduced to ashes in the inferno that broke out at the Bandipur National Park yesterday. The fire was brought under control at around 8.30 am today and more than 600 persons were part of the operation.

Yesterday, the fire broke out in Kalkare Range of the Tiger Reserve and 28-year-old forest guard Murigeppa Tammangol was charred to death and four other Forest Department staff including a Range Forest Officer sustained burn injuries while they were trying to douse the fire. Murigeppa was stomping out the fire and collapsed due to asphyxiation.

More than 600 Forest Department staff, Soliga tribals appointed on contract basis, officers and staff drawn from Chamarajanagar and Biligiriranga Hills Tiger Reserve battled the fire all night. The operations were led by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests B.G. Hosmath, Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Hiralal and Assistant Conservators of Forests Maradimane and Paramesh.

The photo was captured this morning after Forest Department staff successfully doused the fire at Bandipur National Park where a fire broke out at the Kalkare Range.

Officials said that they were able to contain the fire by 3.30 am today but left over cinders and strong winds made their task difficult. Finally, the fire was doused at around 8.30 am, they said. "The incident happened at Kebbepurahaadi in the Kalkare Range and it takes 15 to 20 minutes to reach there. We have doused the fire and have even taken measures including creating emergency fire lines," officials said.

Department officials suspect that miscreants of Kebbepurahaadi could have set dried elephant dung on fire which starts burning slowly and eventually spread to the forest. "Strong wind proved a major obstacle in preventing the fire from spreading and it engulfed the forest in thick smoke forcing the Maleyur range staff to run for cover. It was suffocating to stand even for a second in that thick smoke of clouds," the officials said.

Last Respects In Mysuru

Meanwhile, those who were injured in the fire — RFO Gangadhar, Forest Watchers Manu and Manju — have been shifted to Apollo Hospital, Mysuru, for additional treatment. Nayaka, the other Watcher who was injured is being treated at General Hospital in Saragur in H.D. Kote taluk.

(See BANDIPUR on page 8)

TN political pot-boiler: DMK calls for state-wide hunger strike

Chennai, Feb. 19- The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) today called for a hunger strike on Feb. 22 at all of its district offices in the State, a day after its MLAs were forcibly evicted from the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

The decision was taken at a special meeting of MLAs convened by DMK Working President M.K. Stalin at the party headquarters. This comes close on the heels of Police registering an FIR against Stalin and members of the DMK for holding a protest at Marina Beach on Saturday.

Speaking to the media, Stalin said he will participate in the hunger strike from Tiruchi. He added that the party MLAs are trying to meet President Pranab Mukherjee. "We're trying to meet President Pranab Mukherjee in Delhi in this regard. Have sought time to highlight the Assembly situation," Stalin said.

M.K. Stalin

Meanwhile, a delegation of DMK leaders met Tamil Nadu Governor C. Vidyasagar Rao and submitted a memorandum on yesterday's trust vote. "We've submitted a memorandum on the issue to TN Governor; He has promised to look into the matter," Tiruchi Siva of DMK told reporters.

Sans participation of Opposition in the Assembly, the trust vote moved by the CM was passed; It is illegal, he added.

Expelled from the Assembly, the DMK was denied from voting during the floor test yesterday. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami won the trust vote; 122 MLAs voted for him while 11 voted for former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam.

A correction

In yesterday's *Star of Mysore* on page 6, the headline for an item relating to hybrid variety guavas was inadvertently given and the same may be read as *'Thai Guavas flood city.'* **—Ed**

Woman ends life by jumping into water sump

She had borrowed huge loans and was unable to pay back

Mysuru, Feb. 19- Unable to bear mounting debts, a woman committed suicide by jumping into a sump at an under-construction building at Kumbarakoppalu under Metagalli Police limits early this morning.

The woman has been identified as 40-year-old Saraswathi, wife of Mahesha, a resident of Kumbarakoppalu. Mahesh runs a laundry in the area. According to the Police and Mahesh, Saraswathi left her house at around 6.30 am and Mahesh thought that she would gone out after waking up.

She then went to an under-construction building nearby and opened the 8X4X10 ft. sump and jumped into it. This morning a few workers, who came for sump cleaning works at 7.30 am, noticed the body and informed the Police. After preliminary enquiries, the Police found out that the body was that of Mahesh's wife.

Mahesh told the Police that he was searching for his wife as she left home pretty early. He said that Saraswathi had borrowed loans and was in deep debt. Financiers were pestering her to return the money and this had led to frequent quarrels at home and yesterday too, they had fought over the issue, he said. Metagalli Inspector Sunil Kumar and staff retrieved the body and shifted it to MMC&RI mortuary.

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Impressionz expo-cum-sale for Ugadi shoppers

Mysuru, Feb.19 - A little mix of ethnic, traditional and contemporary can lend a whole new *avatar* to one's wardrobe. Keeping this in mind, the *Impressionz* exhibition-cum-sale is back in town with its vibrant collections of sarees.

This edition, due to the *Ugadi* festival round the corner and the wedding season, promises to be a veritable feast for the lovers of the nine yard wonder.

With the passion to promote the rich weaves of India and the craftsmen behind them, STHREE sarees have earned a reputation for its rich and unique exhibitions.

Anuradha Bhat, the designer behind the Label STHREE, features saris that are hand-woven and been specially crafted to become an asset in every fashion forward woman's wardrobe.

The new induction this time is the pen kalamkari patch on soft silks which look elegant and classy.

This exclusive saree exhibition-cum-sale is just for two days on the 20th and 21st of February at Hotel Southern Star from 11 am to 8 pm.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The other day a piece of ancient history landed up on my desk. It was a postcard issued by the Indian Postal Department. At one time – a long, long time ago – they were as commonly in use as mobile phones are today. Postcards became an extinct species when the Indian Postal Department – which once could rightly lay claim to being one of the largest, and most efficient, organisations of its kind in the whole world – shut shop for all practical purposes, except for acting as a surrogate bank for small savings accounts and accepting and delivering a special kind of mail called Speed Post, a contradiction in terms because any missive sent by it travels at the speed of a snail with terminal arthritis.

But now, out of the blue, there was this postcard, resurrected from some long-forgotten time capsule, lying in front of me.

I wondered from where, and how, the sender had acquired it. Did post offices – which in most places in the country are fewer and more far between than public toilets – actually sell postcards anymore? And, if so, how do they do it? The printed stamp mark on the top right hand corner of the card had a picture of Mahatma Gandhi and a price tag of 25, which I took to mean 25 paise, a denomination of currency which was phased out of existence a long time ago. So how had the sender managed to buy it with a non-existing coin? And how had he had it delivered by an equally non-existing postman?

And most wondrous thing of all – in an age when computer keyboards and phone keypads have completely replaced handwriting – the postcard had been penned. — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

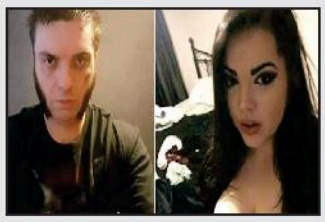
Body odour detecting device

Tokyo: The KunKun, Japanese for "sniff sniff," is a bizarre device developed by Japanese corporation Konika Minolta that detects bodily odours like smelly feet or under-arm sweat and notifies the user about them via a smartphone app.

Now you can just wear the KunKun everywhere you go and find out when you're starting to stink just by checking your phone. It's small enough to fit in a coat pocket, it features sensors that pick up specific chemicals associated with three types of bodily odours. It can detect ammonia and isovaleric acid, chemicals known to produce that nasty smell.

The KunKun was thought up by Hiroshi Akiyama, a 43-year-old man who became worried about his bodily odour, and pitched his idea to Konika Minolta. He teamed up with scientists at the Osaka Institute of Technology and developed this weird little "sniff sniff" device.

Strange relationship!



London: Open relationships are not that uncommon now-a-days, but that's not the case of Adam Gillet and Beatrice Gibbs, from Milton Keynes, Britain. 27-year-old Adam has agreed to let his 22-year-old girlfriend sleep with other men, for fear that he would otherwise lose her.

Adam, a warehouse worker, and Beatrice, who works as a makeup artist, met in 2014, on a pub crawl. They had a one night stand, but didn't officially become a couple until April 2015. However, their romantic relationship appeared to be short-lived, as Beatrice, who wasn't ready to commit to just one man full-time, decided to end it after just one month. Adam was devastated, but upon hearing that she loved him, but didn't think she could resist other men, he did what any other men in his shoes would have done – he agreed to let Beatrice have her one night-stands, as long as she gave their relationship another chance. They've been together ever since. Both Adam and Beatrice say they've told some of their close friends about their unusual arrangement, and they think it's a bit strange. "But it works for us," they said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's wrong with spinach?

What could be wrong with spinach? It's one of the healthiest of all vegetables, right? Yes, spinach is rich in nutrients, but it also contains high levels of oxalic acid, which can lead to formation of kidney stones. Those prone to forming kidney stones should avoid eating spinach.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Sisters bag ranks in Talent Exams

Varsha *Manya*

Mysuru, Feb. 19- **N.K. Varsha,** a 3rd standard student of De Paul Public School, Sathagalli, has secured distinction in the International English Talent Examination (2016-17) conducted by Pratibha Vijnana, Davangere.

She has also secured first class in the school-level of 11th International Science Talent Search Examination-2016. Also, she has bagged special first class in the State-level Kasturi Kannada Talent Examination conducted by Pratibha Vijnana, Davangere.

Apart from the above, she has won first place in the All India Rashtra Bhasha Exam conducted by Mahatma Gandhi Rashtra Bhasha Hindi Prachar Sanstha, Pune.

N.K. Manya, a 6th standard student of De Paul Public School, Sathagalli, has secured district-level rank in the State-level Kasturi Kannada Talent Examination conducted by Pratibha Vijnana, Davangere.

She has also secured State-level Rank in the International English Talent Examination (2016-17) conducted by Pratibha Vijnana, Davangere.

Both are the daughters of Pavitra and N.M. Keerthikumar (employee at CHESCom - Mandi Mohalla), residents of Udayagiri KEB Quarters.

Inter-collegiate cultural competition held

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (MTY&VNS)- A day-long inter-collegiate cultural competition organised by Maharaja's College in memory of Padmaja Prasad was held at the Centenary Hall recently. The programme was inaugurated by University of Mysore Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. J. Somashekar. Students from various colleges across the city took part in various competitions which included film songs, bhavageethe, devotional songs, folk songs, classical vocal, mono acting, debate among others.

College Principal C.P. Sunitha, Administrative Officer Dr. L. Limbya Nayak and Convenor S.T. Ramachandran were present.

Really...?

- ***The wick of a trick candle has small amounts of magnesium in them. When you light the candle, you are also lighting the magnesium.***
- ***Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

When Banta came home, his wife Preeto was crying. *"Your mother insulted me,"* ***she sobbed.*** *"My mother? How could she do that when she is on vacation on the other side of the world?"* ***Banta asked.***
"I know. But this morning a letter addressed to you arrived. I opened it because I was curious."
"And?" "At the end of the letter she wrote: *Dear Preeto, when you have finished reading this letter, don't forget to give it to my son!!"*

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VOICE OF THE READER

More houses and shops would ruin the temple ambience atop Chamundi Hill

Sir,

This has reference to the news item ***"DC instructs clearing of unauthorised shops atop Chamundi Hill"*** (*SOM* dated Feb.10). It is surprising that the Deputy Commissioner is taking note of the unauthorised shops now while the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has met him and his predecessor as early as August 2016 and many times subsequently drawing his attention to the menace.

The public of Mysuru, including distinguished writers, journalists and individuals, staged a protest and took out a candlelight march to express their ire over these developments.

The DC is now instructing to remove unauthorised shops numbering more than 400 after a lapse of more than six months and to build gates to regulate entry. In 2016 when it was known that these shops would be vacated and alternative premises would be given to them (on humanitarian grounds), suddenly there was an increase in new shops. This is like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.

Regular visitors to the hill shrine are aware of the shops increasing by the day, occupying every open space around the temple. Space available for movement is severely affected. Where is the need to sell sarees, footware, toys, plastic buckets, hats etc., on top of the hill when an entire Mysuru city below is selling the same and more. Visitors to the hill have to pass through the city shopping areas to reach the hill and can do all the shopping required.

What is even more shocking is that the Government is constructing a large multi-level car park to house 600 cars and a shopping complex to accommodate 100 shops, luxury guest homes at a cost of Rs. 80 crore. One cannot understand the wisdom of the Government undertaking such an unwanted construction. Once the unauthorised structures are removed, there is sufficient space for parking 600 cars or even more.

Further, what is the need for a shopping complex to sell unrelated items in a place of religious importance? At best the shops required are a handful selling puja related items.

While the news appearing in this daily is only about unauthorised shops, the authorities are silent about the hundreds of unauthorised houses being built on top of the hill. Needless to say, such increased human dwelling will generate larger quantities of sewage and garbage. In the absence of proper sewage treatment and garbage disposal facilities, it will result in a ecological disaster! Let us not forget, the forest cover too is shrinking due to illegal felling of trees not only for firewood but to create more space for housing.

Probably the most convincing argument against the need for any additional infrastructure to meet the growing number of visitors is the measures followed during the months of *Ashada*. During this period, the number of people visiting the temple is more than double the normal times. The authorities simply ban all private vehicles and permit only Government buses. This is found to solve the problem of shortage of vehicle parking space. Why not make this a permanent feature and save not only public money but also environment from being damaged?

Let us not forget, the Chamundi Hill Temple is in a Declared Reserved Forest Area and home to very unique medicinal plants and rare bird species. Any activity in such a space requires strict assessment of its impact on the environment. Information of having undertaken such a study is not available. In the meanwhile, the Government is rushing through with the construction in the name of development. In view of all the above, MGP has initiated a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) before the High Court of Karnataka and awaiting adjudication. We pray that justice will be done. And soon.

—Dr. M.M. Shenoi,
Secretary, MGP

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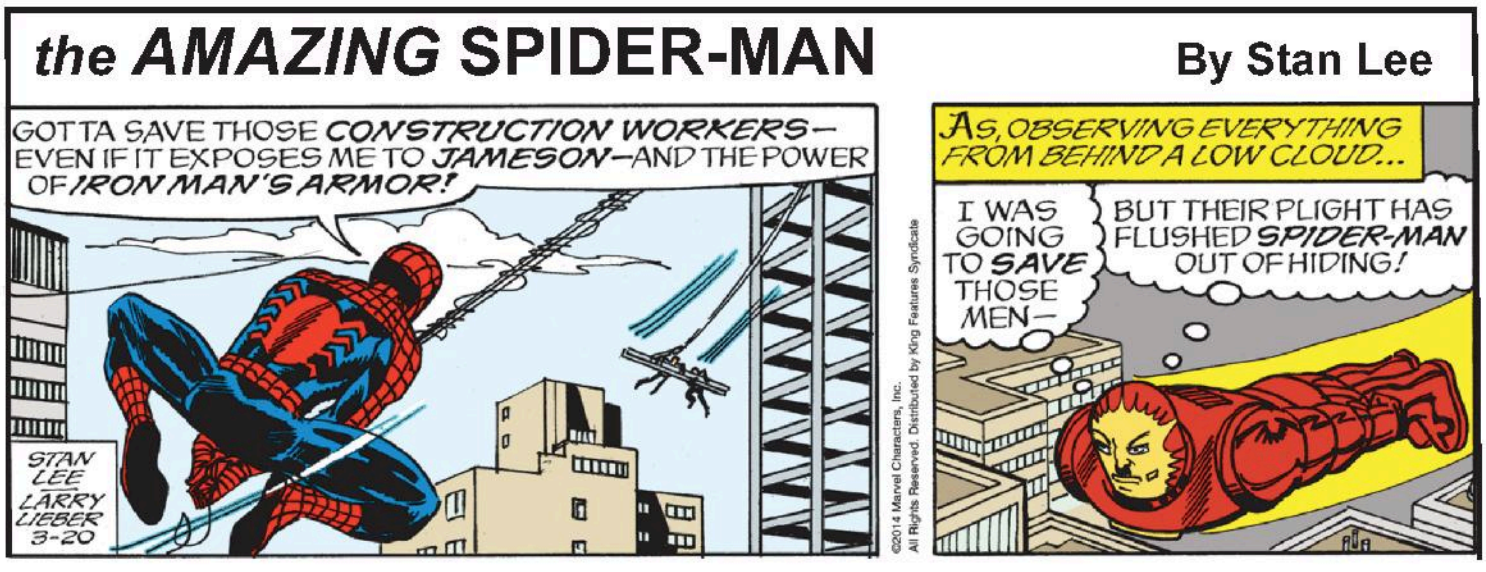
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NEWS BRIEFS

No meat sale on Feb. 24

As part of Maha Shivaratri festival, all the slaughter houses and meat stalls, coming under the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits, have been asked to down their shutters on Feb. 24, according to a press release from the MCC Health Officer.

Ayurveda camp

Bharath Sevadal District Committee, Mysuru, has organised a free ayurvedic camp for 'Arthritis' at Sri Kanyakaparameshwari Temple, Shivarampet, on Feb. 21 from 10 am to 1 pm. For details, contact Mob: 94812-43124.

Free health camp

Narayana Multi-Speciality Hospital has organised a free varicose vein check-up camp (Feb. 21) and free Asthma screening camp (Feb. 21 & 22) at its premises between 10 am and 2 pm. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Free cholesterol screening camp

Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital has organised free cholesterol screening camp till Mar. 31 between 10 am and 1 pm. For details, contact Dr. Caroline on Mob: 94494-12309.

Road Traffic Survey

The PWD, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department will be conducting a Road Traffic Survey on State Highways and other main roads passing through Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts from 6 am on Feb.22 to 6 am on Feb.24. Count Centres have been set up at select points of the roads. The motorists and vehicle drivers are appealed to slow down at these points while passing through the road, according to a release issued by the Superintending Engineer of the Department.

Anganwadi posts selection list

The list of appointees for Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helper posts in T. Narasipur taluk, has been published at the Office of the T. Narasipur Taluk Child Development Project Officer. Objections to the list, if any, can be submitted at the office before Feb. 23.

Workshop on Neem

Hunsur Division of Forest Department will be holding a State-level workshop on Neem Cultivation at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Hunsur Town on Feb. 21 at 10 am.

Nominated

The State Govt. has appointed the following persons as Non-Officio Members of Mysuru taluk APMC with immediate effect: S. Mahadevappa of Puttegowdana Hundi in Varuna hobli of Mysuru, Krishna of Udbur and Rekha of Yelwal.

Forest guard charred to death in fire at Bandipur National Park

Victim Murigeppa Tammangol

Bandipur, Feb.19 (RNN, MTY& Nagesh)- A forest guard was charred to death and four others including three Forest Department staff sustained burn injuries while they were trying to douse a fire that broke out in Kalkere Range of Bandipur National Park yesterday morning.

The victim has been identified as 28-year-old Murigeppa Tammangol a forest guard in Kalkere Range. He died of asphyxiation and burns. The others who were injured are Range Forest Officers Gangadhar, Forest Watchers Manu, Manju and Nayaka of Maleyur.

Forest staff who were injured in the fire at Bandipur National Park.

According to Forest Officials, Murigeppa, was stomping out the fire and collapsed due to suffocation and suffered burn injuries. He moved fast into the fire not knowing that he was gradually surrounded by thick smoke. While the men were able to douse fire on their route, the entire area was engulfed in thick pile of smoke.

Murigeppa, who belonged to the 2011 batch of recruits and is from Vijayapura, is believed to have been trapped among the thick lantana vegetation which has enveloped vast swathes of Bandipur, and is highly combustible.

There was wind blowing from all directions and Murigeppa could not escape from the spreading flames, said officials.

The victim had married about one and a half year ago has a three-month- old baby.

RFO Gangadhar had hired other watchers from the local tribal colony. The injured who had been admitted to the General Hospital in Saragur in H.D. Kote taluk have been shifted to Apollo Hospital in Mysuru. They were shifted this morning by ACF Belliappa and RFO Mahesh.

The fire was noticed at around 11 am at 6 places and due to strong winds, the fire spread rapidly. Dried lantana weeds, leaves and grass added to the inferno forcing the animals to run helter-skelter. The sudden forest fire that spread rapidly turned hundreds of acres into ashes. As the fire spread, officials summoned personnel from neighbouring Nagarahole National Park and Chamarajanagar to douse the inferno and more than 400 personnel tried to contain the spread of fire.

MISCREANTS SUSPECTED

While the immediate cause of the fire is not known, it has been established that most of the fires are caused by humans. In many cases, the dry vegetation is set ablaze by miscreants from the local community to wreak revenge when they are booked by the authorities for being in conflict with the law.

Bandipur is going through one of the worst dry spells in recent memory and though forest fires are an annual affair in view of its dry deciduous vegetation, the intensity of drought this year is high.

The National Park has suffered from two consecutive years of dry spell, and the failure of the South-West Monsoon this year has aggravated the situation.

MLA M.K. Somashekar shifts pregnant woman injured in mishap to hospital

Mysuru, Feb.19 (YDS&DM)- Krishnaraja MLA M.K. Somashekar, on Saturday played a good Samaritan by shifting a woman in advanced stage of pregnancy to a hospital in his car.

The MLA was going in his car to attend a pre-scheduled programme at about 9 pm, when he spotted a crowd at Chamaraja Double Road. The crowd had gathered following a road mishap, in which a 32-year-old pregnant woman Kavya, a resident of Kuvempunagar, her 23-year-old child and a friend lied on the road writhing in pain, after an unidentified vehicle had hit the two-wheeler in which the trio were travelling.

Even as people in the crowd, instead of shifting the injured to an hospital, got busy in buying ration at a Fair Price Shop in the neighbourhood, the Legislator, who noticed Kavya, writhing in pain, wasted no time in shifting her in his car to a hospital with the help of his gunman Mahesh Kumar.

Following the incident, Somashekar, regretting the tendency to video record the accident spot on their cell phones or simply watch, has appealed the public to immediately rush the road mishap victims to a nearby hospital.

It may be recalled that Somashekar had played good Samaritan earlier too, when on a morning jog to the foot of Chamundi Hill a few months ago, he shifted a road mishap victim to a nearby hospital, thus saving his life.

One held for trying to burgle house

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (PM&KS)- Mandi Police, on Thursday morning, have arrested a person who was waiting to burgle a house and have seized an iron rod from him.

The arrested person has been identified as 56-year-old Shankar, a resident of Yashwant Nagar. Mandi Police personnel, who were on their regular beat on Thursday morning, saw Shankar with an iron rod on the road behind a bar in Bamboo Bazaar waiting to burgle a house and took him into custody and has been remanded to judicial custody.

Two held for selling fake and porn DVDs

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (PM&KS) - In separate cases, Devaraja and Lashkar Police, have arrested a person each for selling fake and porn DVDs in city on Thursday.

In the first case, Devaraja Police arrested Nagesh, on charges of selling fake and porn DVDs on Jaganmohan Palace Road near Lansdowne Building and have seized the fake DVDs from him besides launching a hunt to nab the other person Jayaram, who fled from the spot. A case has been registered at Devaraja Police Station in this regard.

In another case, Lashkar Police has arrested Swamy, for selling duplicate and porn DVDs on K.T. Street here and have seized the DVDs from him.

A case has been registered at Lashkar Police Station in this regard.

Complaints galore at Public Grievances meet

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (RK&MTY)- The public grievances meet held at all Traffic Police Stations in city yesterday, saw a number of complaints on vehicle parking issues, honking, rampant traffic violations etc.,

The citizens who attended the meet **at N. R. Traffic Police Station,** sought installation of a traffic signal at Fountain Circle, development of Highway Junction, smooth vehicular Movement on Pulakeshi Road etc.,

They also demanded widening of Irwin Road and deployment of Traffic Police on Sawday Road to regulate traffic, among others.

Corporator Suhail Baig, leaders Ilyas Baig, Shivakumar and others attended the meet.

At V. V. Puram Traffic Police Stations, members of the Public Sought deployment of Home guards at prominent junctions and circles for ensuring that road traffic rules are followed and to put an end to repeated violation of one-way traffic rule on certain busy roads.

Alleging that youths were increasingly resorting to wheeling at Jayalakshmipuram, V.V.Puram, Gokulam, Vijayanagar and Adjoining areas, the public urged the Police to take action against such youths and also put an end to honking and triple riding which as become common these days.

ACP (Traffic) K. N. Madaiah, who heard the grievances assumed of addressing the woes of the citizens.

Inspector Vivekananda and staff were present.

Similar public grievances meet was held at K.R, Devaraja and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Stations.

Prof. Mane new acting VC of UoM

Prof. Mane

Bengaluru, Feb. 19- Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, who is also the Chancellor of Universities, has appointed Professor of Public Administration Dayananda Mane as the acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mysore.

Dayananda Mane took charge from outgoing In-charge Vice Chancellor Yashwant Dongre yesterday.

MCC Commissioner inspects Bannur Road widening works

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, former Mayor & Corporator Sandesh Swamy and other officials inspected the widening of Bannur Road stretch here yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (RKB&DM)- MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, accompanied by former Mayor and Corporator Sandesh Swamy, inspected the widening of Bannur Road stretch from Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital to Teresian College here on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Sandesh Swamy said that the widening is being taken up on the 2.75 km stretch of this National Highway. While some private parties have parted with 17 meters for road widening, the Department of Posts (DoP) is yet to give space for the widening and this has hindered the widening works.

Mysuru- Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has been appealed to extent pressure on the Union Government as the Postal Department is under its control, he said and added that the Postal Department has to part with 15 mts of land for taking up widening.

Continuing, he said that the new DC Office is coming up in German Press premises. Also, as the Bannur Road is unable to handle a huge surge in vehicular movement, road mishaps on this stretch of the road has become common these days, he said while elaborating on the urgent need for widening of the road.

Superintendent Engineer B.K. Suresh Babu, MCC Zone-9 Assistant Commissioner Puttaseshagiri, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and MCC Officials were present.

BJP meet on Feb.25 to discuss revision of office-bearers' list

Bengaluru, Feb.19 (KMS&DM)- State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa has convened a meeting of the Party's district-level office-bearers on Feb. 25 to sort out differences in the appointments.

With resentment growing in some party quarters, especially from senior leader K.S. Eshwarappa's camp, Yeddyurappa is said to have convened the meeting to make certain changes in the list of office-bearers, in a bid to contain dissidence.

The meeting to take place at the State Party Headquarters in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, will be attended by District Presidents, Vice-Presidents, General Secretaries and other leaders.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that several district Presidents from among Ballari, Raichur, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Tumakuru, Davanagere, Bidar and Haveri are likely to be replaced.

Meeting on Ration Card status on Feb. 21

Mysuru, Feb. 19- A meeting has been organised for the Mysuru District Fair Price Shop Owners and the Secretaries of Co-operative Societies at Kalamandira premises on Feb. 21 at 10. 30 am.

Dy. Commissioner D. Randeep will chair the meeting. The meeting focuses on giving information on Ration Card and Aadhaar card status, bio-coupon scheme, coupon / IVRS upload and new Ration Card scheme, according to a press release from the Deputy Director of the Food, Civil Supplies Department.

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amrutha balli

A divine herb...

TREE FACTS

India is endowed with innumerable medicinal plants. Among these, 'Amrutha balli' tops the list being the most used premier medicinal herb. It is a miraculous ancient herb with amazing medicinal values and health benefits. The name 'Amrita,' which literally translates to 'the root of immortality' or 'nectar' lends its name to the plant. Native to India, it is considered to be a divine herb used in Indian medicine for ages. The climber plant is more familiar in Ayurveda as "Guduchi" or "Giloy" & several drugs are manufactured by Indian ayurvedic companies under different brands, the latest being the BGR-34, a premier Ayurvedic drug by CSIR (Government of India) for treatment of diabetes, also contains 'Giloy' ! The climber growing over walls, hedges and trees is a familiar sight in Mysuru city and found in most of the backyards of the houses.

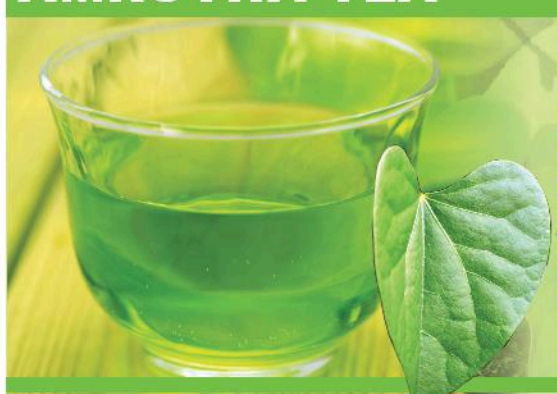
The scientific name is Tinospora cordifolia (Family: Menispermaceae) with many common names (**English:** 'Heart-Leaved Moonseed', 'Indian Tinospora', 'Heart- Leaved Tinospora'; **Hindi:** Giloy, Giloya, Guduchi, Gulancha, Gulbel; **Kannada:** Amrutha balli, Madhuparni, Ugani; **Konkani:** Amritvel; **Malayalam:** Amruthu, Chittamruthu; **Marathi:** Gulvel; **Tamil:** Seendilkodi, Shindilakodi; **Telugu:** Manapala, Tippa teega; **Sanskrit:** Guruchi ; **Urdu:** Gurch).

It is a common climber of dry and deciduous forests distributed throughout the tropical region of India besides Myanmar and Sri Lanka. It is a large climbing shrub with elongated twining branches spreading extensively. A special feature is the presence of wiry aerial roots arising from the branches. Stems are rather succulent, creamy white to grey, deeply cleft, papery bark and rosette-like pores (lenticels). Leaves simple heart shaped, very thin with long leaf stalks bulged at the base and apex and arranged alternately. Inflorescence, called racemes are both axillary and terminal; flowers tiny, greenish yellow, unisexual with male and female flowers on separate plants; stamens 6; female flowers with staminodes and carpels (3). Fruits are called drupelets (1-3); ovoid and scarlet coloured when ripe. The plant flowers during the summer and fruits during the winter.

Medicinal uses: 'Amrutha' is an anti-aging herb. According to a legend, the herb is an "heavenly elixir" and kept the angels eternally young. Even before the advent of modern medicines, the herb has a long history of being used in traditional system of medicines and by ayurveda practitioners in India to treat numerous disorders or diseases. An assortment of bioactive compounds such as alkaloids, diterpenoid lactones, steroids, glycosides, aliphatic compounds, polysaccharides have been isolated from the plant parts and their action studied. The active principles are found to be antioxidant, anti microbial, anti toxic, anti diabetic, anti cancer, anti stress, anti inflammatory, anti allergic, liver protective properties etc., and therefore used for treating several diseases.

Many ayurvedic products are marketed under different brand names. The main products are: **1. Giloy Juice or Giloy Ras; 2. Giloy Satva or Seenthikodi Sakkarai:** Prepared by grinding the giloy stem in water and the residue that settles down is collected and cleaned again and again. The final product is dried to a fine white powder; **3. Giloy Powder or Churna:** Either buy from the market or prepare by sun drying fresh stems till crunchy and grinding to a fine powder by sieving - grinding - sieving repeatedly; **4. Giloy Tablets:** Patanjali Giloy Ghan Vati is popular; **5. Giloy Syrup:** a combination of herbs are used (tulsi, amla and neem).

AMRUTHA TEA



Try this recipe which is easy to make, soothing to drink but does not have bitterness. To prepare the tea, take 4-6 fresh stems of guduchi (1.5") pound till mashed. Now, take 5 pepper corns, 2 tsp of palm candy and 1/2 tsp of cumin seeds separately in a mortar and pestle, pound them coarsely. Take 200 ml water in a pan, add all the ingredients and boil till the quantity is reduced to half, strain and drink. The tea is a good home remedy for stomach disorders, stress reduction, memory improvement etc.

USEFUL TIPS

- The climber can be grown not only for its medicinal values but also for its ornamental decorative foliage. Grow on fences and walls; Plant them at the base of the trees and allow them to climb over.
- The male and female plants are separate. To get better fruiting grow both types of plants.
- Some people believe that the plant grown on neem trees possesses better medicinal values. It is a myth!
- **Propagation:** Seeds & stem cutting during May-June.
- Guduchi Churna is good for diabetes but best consumed under medical supervision as it might lower the blood sugar levels significantly.
- Massaging the hands and legs daily with guduchi oil gives relief from peripheral neuropathy — loss of sensation in the legs and hands due to diabetic mellitus.
- It is better to avoid guduchi by pregnant and feeding mothers as it cause constipation for some persons.
- Consult a doctor before consumption of any product or preparations using plant parts of Amrutha balli.
- Plant attracts many birds.

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Staff and students of AIISH take out 'Cycle-a-thon'

A prelude to 'AIISH Awaz' to be held in March

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (US&RKB)- As a promotional activity of 'AIISH Awaz' to be held in March, about 300 students and staff of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) took part in a Cycle-a-thon' organised by AIISH in city this morning.

The event was flagged off by Dr. S.P. Goswami, HoD of Speech and Language Pathology, at MysoreOne Centre near Jayanagar Railway Gate here.

The Cycle-a-thon with the 'Prevent Stroke, Preserve Communication' theme passed through Krishnaraja Boulevard, Vani Vilas Road, Agrahara Circle, Basaveshvara Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle, MUDA Circle, Ekalavya Circle and concluded at the starting point.

The cyclists were provided cycles by the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) Trin Trin scheme.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Goswami observed that vehicles had outnumbered pedestrians on road, thus rising noise and air pollution. He advised people to switch over to bicycles to preserve environment and for physical fitness.

He recalled that signal lights were very few during earlier days but now they are a necessity at every traffic junction owing to too many vehicles on roads.

AIISH Gymkhana Vice-President Dr. Animesh Burman was present on the occasion.

Bandipur inferno doused

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The mortal remains of Murigeppa Tammangol will be shifted to Mysuru this evening and it will be kept at the Forest Department office at Ashokpuram where a ceremonial guard of honour will be held as a mark of respect. The body will be then taken to Vijayapura, Murigeppa's native, where the last rites will be performed.

Compensation

The Forest Department will pay a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh to Murigeppa's family. Sources said that the officials will soon write to the State Government to treat forest staff who lose their lives on duty on par with the Police department personnel.

"If a Policeman dies on duty, he is considered a martyr and a compensation of Rs. 30 lakh is paid to the family. Even forest department personnel are martyrs as they protect nation's wealth while on duty. Their families only get Rs. 5 s if they die on duty. This anomaly must be set right," sources said. A letter will be sent to the State government to this effect soon by the top officials, sources added.

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Relief for motorists

The concrete works on the stretch of Sayyaji Rao Road from Government Ayurveda College Circle to RMC Circle has been completed and the road has been thrown open for vehicular traffic this morning thus easing traffic congestion. It may be recalled here that the stretch was closed for concreting works since two months.

Brahma Kumaris to host Farmers' Meet on Feb.20

Mysuru, Feb.19- Brahma Kumaris, Mysuru, as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations, has organised a workshop for farmers on the topic 'Shaswat Yogic Agriculture' on Monday (Feb.20) at 10.30 am at Maharaja's College Grounds in city.

P. Shivashankar, Chief Executive Officer of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat, will be inaugurating the workshop. K.S. Puttannaiah, MLA of Melukote, who will be the chief guest, will narrate the professional barriers that the farmers are facing today and the possible solutions for them.

A book on *'Shaswat Yogic Agriculture'* will be released by Badagalapura Nagendra, General Secretary of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha. Dr. Guruprasad, President of Chamarajanagar District Raitha Sangha and V.L.Kempugowda, President of Pandavapura Taluk Raitha Sangha, will be the special guests.

B.K. Shekar, an agriculturist from Belagavi, will share his experience of this new agricultural system. Lakshmi D. Raju, Joint Director, Department of Horticulture, Lalbagh, Bengaluru, will deliver the keynote address. Rajayogini B.K. Lakshmiji will preside. Farmer representatives from five districts will be participating in this workshop.

Youth fined for triggering serial accidents

The car driven by him caused serial accidents

Mysuru, Feb.19 (RK&RNN)- Cops attached to Kuvempunagar Traffic Police Station, this morning, imposed a fine of Rs. 800 on a youth for driving his car in a reckless manner and running into on-coming vehicles near Rudramba Petrol Bunk on Vishwamanava Double Road.

The penalised youth has been identified as Akshay, a resident of Kuvempunagar.

It is reported that Akshay, who was at the wheels of a car and was going to attend a test at a Coaching Centre, pressed the accelerator mistaking it for brake after which his car rammed into at least four on-coming vehicles including another car. Kuvempunagar Traffic ASI Siddegewda imposed a fine of Rs. 800 on Akshay and let him go. However, no case has been registered in this regard as the owners of vehicles which suffered minor damages, did not file any complaint, it is said.

Another debt-ridden farmer ends life

Mysuru, Feb.19 (RK&RNN)- In continued cases of debt-ridden farmers ending their lives in Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's home district, a debt-ridden farmer this morning committed suicide by consuming poison at his lands in Beeranahalli village in H.D. Tauk.

The farmer, who took the extreme step after failing to repay a loan of Rs.3 lakh, has been identified as Mahadeva (45), a resident of Beeranahalli. H.D. Kote Police, who rushed to the spot on information, conducted an inquest before registering a case.

Mandya farmer succumbs to snake-bite

Mandya, Feb.19 (NG&RNN)- Ramesh (40), a farmer from Hemmige village in Mandya taluk, who was being treated at the District Hospital for snake bite, passed away at the hospital yesterday evening.

It is reported that Ramesh, who had gone to his field to release water from the borewell at about 7.30 pm, was bitten by a snake following which he was shifted to the hospital where he breathed his last.

Obituary

Ramalingaiah

Mandya, Feb.19- Ramalingaiah (85), former CADA Chairman and advocate, passed away at his residence following cardiac arrest yesterday.

He leaves behind two sons Vivekananda (V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector) & Aravind, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mandya this afternoon.

Grand procession marks Shivaji Jayanti celebrations

Mysuru, Feb.19 (PM&DM)- A Grand Procession marked Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti celebration, jointly organised by the District Administration, Kannada and Culture Department and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayantotsava Samiti here this morning.

Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar flagged off the procession at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of the Palace in the presence of Deputy Mayor Rathna Lakshman, Jayantotsava Samiti President and former MLA Maruti Rao Pawar and a host of other leaders.

The procession, in which a huge portrait of Shivaji Maharaj was carried on a Sarot, passed through K.R. Circle and D. Devaraj Urs Road before reaching Kalamandira on Hunsur Road, where the stage programme was held.

Mayor assures Shivaji statue

Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar, who spoke after inaugurating the stage programme, said that he will take measures for the installation of Shivaji Statue at a prominent junction in the city after consulting all the Corporators and passing a resolution in the Council.

Highlighting Shivaji's courage and heroics, Ravi Kumar said Shivaji, the 17th Century ruler, established a competent and progressive civil rule with the help of well structured administrative organisations.

Pointing out that Shivaji revived ancient Hindu political traditions, the Mayor said Shivaji respected all religions and had great respect for other contemporary saints.

Calling upon the Maratha community members to educate their children, Ravi Kumar extorted the community members to make full use of all the benefits and facilities extended to them by the MCC.

Floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Shivaji Maharaj on the occasion.

Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, AC Anand, Corporators M. Sunil, Anantharaj and H.S. Prakash, Tahsildar Ramesh Babu, the Jayantotsava Samiti President K. Nagendra Rao Avatade and others were present.

Music varsity V-C rues women's attraction towards western culture

Music University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamanagala Shankar is seen addressing at the Convention on 'Women as Saviors of Culture' organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.

Mysuru, Feb.19(RKB&DM)- Expressing concern over the growing tendency among Indian women to follow western lifestyle and culture, Music University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sarvamanagala Shankar said that the society should take a serious look at the issue.

She was speaking at the Convention 'Women as Saviors of Culture' organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru Sub-Division, as part of its 15-day Golden Jubilee celebrations going on at Maharaja College Grounds here this morning.

Observing that women had due representation in Indian Culture since the era of the vedas, Dr. Sarvamangala said women began to gradually lose their identity in the later centuries and this tendency was brought to a halt with the advent of great *vachanakaras* such as Akka-Mahadevi in the 12th century.

Pointing out that women develop courage and acquire knowledge in keeping with the times, she rued the increasing number of marriage divorces of late.

Underlining the role of women in building the society, she noted that parents should educate their children on their role in taking the society forward.

Expressing disappointment at the way children are being brought up in the society, she called upon women to shun western culture and engage themselves in promoting Indian values and culture.

ZAK Chairperson Mallige Veeresh, former MLA Parimala Nagappa, Ex-Mayor Modamani, Kollegal Dy.SP P.V. Sneha, Akashavani, Hassan, artist Vani Nagendra, Brahmakumaris Lakshmiji and Somaprabhaji and others were present.

Swachhata Abhiyan

Mysuru, Feb.19- As part of the 40-week long Swachhata Abhiyaan, being launched by the city's Ramakrishna Ashrama, cleanliness drive was organised in the areas coming under MCC Ward No.33 this morning.

Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar, Corporator Rajeshwari, Ramakrishna Ashrama President Swami Athmajnanandaji, Swami Yukteshanandaji and others took part in the Abhiyaan which was launched at Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar).

Earlier, Swami Vivekananda's bust at Cheluvamba Park in Vontikoppal was garlanded.

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When the 'Kirik Party' beauty was in town...

This damsel is just one-movie-old in the Kannada film industry. Yet, youngsters, the young lads rather, drool over her beauty that with no second thought they utter: "Of late Rashmika is my most favourite, actress" the moment they are asked: "Who is your favourite Kannada actress?"

Rashmika Mandanna, the hottie from Kodagu, was in city recently to attend the annual fest at her alma mater Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA). In a candid chat with *Star of Mysore*, she opened up about her first movie, the overnight fame, her upcoming projects and more. Excerpts...

Rashmika Mandanna.

By Ambika Nagraj

Star of Mysore (SOM): You are a fresh face into the Kannada movie industry. And the viewers have accepted you very well with the first film. How does that feel?

Rashmika: I feel very honoured. I have no words to express how exactly it feels but I'm touched. I always thought I will slowly settle and go with the grove but when things changed overnight it took me a while to digest it. I will do my best to keep up to the canon now set.

SOM: How did the movie 'Kirik Party' actually happen? How was the experience?

Rashmika: How I got selected for the movie is an interesting story. I happened to win the *Clean & Clear Fresh Face of India* contest in 2014 and my pictures were available on google post. I believe, when they were on the lookout for an actress for the movie, they happened to search for 'Bangalore Girls' on net and my pictures showed up *(giggles)*. Thus, I got called, selected and the rest followed. It is a wonderful break, I must say.

SOM: Many people, who have watched the movie, especially the youngsters have fallen in love with Saanvi – the character you have played in the movie. Probably many even know you or call you only by that name now. The character has been very well received. What would you like to say about it? Is Rashmika like Saanvi in real life too?

Rashmika: Yes. The character of Saanvi which I have played in the movie is very connective. 60 percent of what I am is similar to how Saanvi is portrayed in the movie. Except for the part where she is someone very good at speaking and writing Kannada, the character resembles my real life too.

SOM: What are your upcoming projects? We hear you have movies coming with some big names of the industry next?

Rashmika: Yes. I have three upcoming projects lined up. One is a movie with Puneeth Rajkumar which is being directed by Harsha; another movie called *Chamak* is with Ganesh, which is being directed by Simple Suni and then there is the 49th movie of Darshan, which is being directed by Prakash.

SOM: Many girls from Coorg have been entering the Kannada film industry since a few years now. How and why so?

Rashmika: Yes. Coorg girls are basically known for being actively involved in cultural activities so they very well qualify to be there. And then, we Coorgis in general are very diverse. We involve ourselves in all fields from politics to modelling and acting and much more. However, most of them have not really stood out so evidently since they are very subtle in what they do. I feel really very lucky and happy to have made it into the film industry with all the other Coorg girls. I can say it's a proud moment for me.

SOM: Even before the film was launched, you had become a popular face with a huge fan following. Your reaction to it...

Rashmika: I really have no words! *(Sighs and smiles)*. It definitely feels great. But I hadn't really expected such a huge turnout in my life at such an early stage of my career. I always thought it will take some time and that I will slowly get into the groove while things will change gradually with time. But this sudden uproar and acceptance is an overnight alteration.

I do have a lot of good support and since I have also been proactive with my modelling campaigns, it helped me reach out to people.

SOM: Where in Kodagu and which family there do you belong to?

Rashmika: I hail from Virajpet in Kodagu from the Mundachadira family. But my screen name remains

SOM: Do you keep visiting Mysuru and Coorg?

Rashmika: Not really. Since the time work started, I couldn't really come much this way. Every time I am in Mysuru, my hometown is just two hours away I realise and crave to visit home. But I do not have that kind of time now. So with a hard heart I take a U-turn and get back to wherever my work takes me as that is what needs my concentration now.

SOM: Any movie offers from Bollywood?

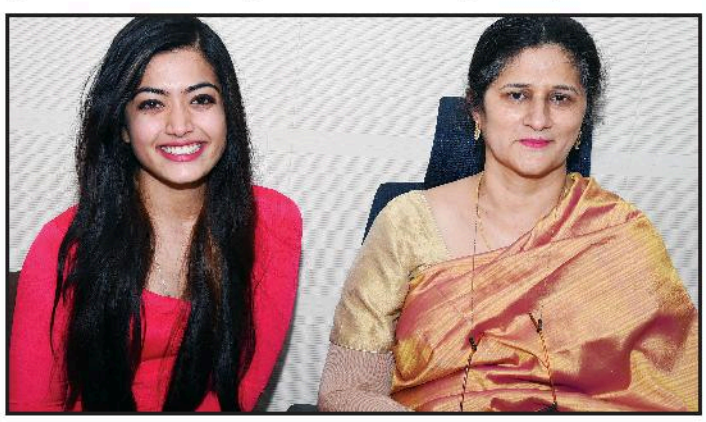
Rashmika: Yes. I have got offers from Bollywood too. I would be lying if I say no. But I think it all depends on how things will turn out to be in future until then I can't say anything much about it.

SOM: But how difficulty or easy is it for a South Indian, new-comer and someone from the Kannada film industry to make it to Bollywood or make it big in the field of modelling?

Rashmika: I in fact feel and find acting easier than modelling. But since I have just started working, I do not want to judge. It is too early to ponder over it. So I am just going with the flow. I get a call saying I need to do this work or be present at a certain place at a certain time and I go do my work with dedication. If I find the work interesting, I take it up.

SOM: How does it feel to be back in college as a celebrity?

Rashmika: As a student, I always wanted to come back to college as a guest or a participant. It was some sort of dream. But this kind of a welcome or invite is something I never expected. It feels very nice. I feel like I have grown. I still remember roaming around MICA and thought the place would have changed a lot. But I see it remains the same so it's very nostalgic ■



MICA alumnus Rashmika with Principal M.N. Ponnamma

MDFA 'C' Division Football League

Anil shines in Govt. Press FC's win

Mysuru, Feb.19- A brace by centre-half Anil (40th & 42nd minutes) helped Government Press FC to register a 2-1 win over Challenge Union FC in the Group 'C' league tie in the MDFA 'C' Division Football league 2016-17 for the 'Chirag Trophy' played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

The lone goal for Challenge Union FC was scored by Udayath in the 25th minute of the game.

In a earlier match on Friday, a match-winning goal by right-out Supreme (47th min) helped Friends Union FC to register a narrow 1-0 win over Nethaji FC in their Group 'D' league tie.

In the match played on Thursday, Challenge Union and East Mysore were involved in a 2-2 drawn tie in Group 'C' league. Gagan Boch (14th & 47th min) scored for Challenge Union while Zeeshan (20th) & Asif (27th) scored for East Mysore.

City shooters excel in State Olympics

Mysuru, Feb. 19- The following Members of Mysore District Rifle Association (MDRA) won medals in the recently held State Olympic Games at Karnataka State Rifle Association, Sports Authority of India Shooting complex in Bengaluru:

PISTOL SHOOTING

Rakshit Shastry: Individual Gold & Team Gold (25 meter Standard Pistol), Team Silver (10 meter Air Pistol), 2 Team Bronze (25 meter Centre Fire Pistol and 50 meter Free Pistol); **P. Jayanth:** Individual Bronze & Team Silver (25 meter Centre Fire Pistol), Individual Bronze & Team Silver (50 meter Free Pistol); **Manjunath Prasad:** Individual Silver (25 meter Centre Fire Pistol) and Team Bronze (25 meter Standard Pistol).

RIFLE SHOOTING

Manjesh Mandanna: Team Bronze (10 meters Air Rifle); **R. Vinod:** Team Bronze (10 meters Air Rifle).

Mysuru District U-7, U-11, U-13 Chess Tournament

Mysuru, Feb.19- The Mysore Chess Centre, in association with GSS, will be organising Mysuru District U-7, U-9 and U-13 Boys & Girls Chess Championship 2017 from Feb. 24 to 26 at GSS, Udayaravi Road.

Top two players from U-7 and U-13 category (2 boys & 2 girls) and top 4 players from U-9 category (4 boys & 4 girls) will be representing Mysuru District in Karnataka State U-7, U-9 and U-13 Chess Championship-2017 respectively. Players should confirm their entry through *WhatsApp* or SMS to 87479-22236 along with the Player Name and Date of Birth details. Last date for entry Feb.23.

Players in U-7 (born on or after Jan. 1, 2010), U-9 (born on or after Jan.1, 2008), U-13 (born on or after Jan.1, 2004) are eligible to participate.

For details, contact Nagendra (Mob: 81238-19220) or Jyothi (87479-22236) or visit Mysore Chess Centre on Swimming Pool Road in Saraswathipuram.

Cycle race on Feb.26

Mysuru, Feb.19- The Mysuru Cycling Club, in association with other organisations, will organise a cycle race at Lalitha Mahal Palace helipad on Feb. 26.

The race will be held in different categories: For kids below 11 years (boys & girls-2km), U-18 (20km), Amateur men (28km), Elite men (35km), Women (10km) and Gravel (only for men 17km).

The race will begin at 7 am. For registration, contact Mob: 88848-51538.

Sports meet

Mysuru, Feb.19- The Annual Sports Meet of NAVKIS Educational Centre was held recently. Principal V. Vasantha Latha inaugurated the meet by hoisting the Sports Flag. Various games such as 50mts, 100mts and 200mts Run, Filling the Bottle, Threading the Beads, Balancing the Dumbbells, Hulla Hoops, Bursting the Balloon, Passing the Ball in Water, Spin the Ball, Relay and House events like Throwball & Volleyball were held.

Sports Day at Podar International School

The Annual Sports Day of Podar International School was held at the School ground on Feb.11. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Madialagan of the Department of Physical Education and Sports Science, University of Mysore. School Principal Krishna Bangera, Vice-Principal Sunita Duggal, Administrative Officers Pinto and Shivaswamy were present the occasion.

Wrestling team of Mysore Varsity

The men's wrestling team of Mysore University — M.S. Prabodh, N. Kendeganaswamy, A. Kishore Kumar, C.N. Nikhil Gowda, B. Shashi Raj, S. Sanjay, G.S. Karthik, M. Mahendra Prasad, G. Sathyaraj Raval, C.S. Niranjan, M. Mohan Kumar and R. Ravikumar (Captain) — which will be taking part in the All India Inter-University Wrestling Championships (2016-17) to be held at Ch. Devilal University, Sirsa, Haryana, from Feb. 22 to 27, is seen with *(from right - sitting)* ***P.S. Madhusudhan (team Manager), Dr. P. Krishniah, Director (in-Charge), Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore and L. Manjappa (Coach).***

SPORTS EVENTS

CHESS	
From 1.12.16	**Chess Coaching Camp** by Mysuru Professional Chess Academy at Lions Hall (behind Oval Athletic Grounds) (Monday to Friday 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm).
TENNIS	
From 1.12.16 to 28.2.17	**R. Nagaraj Tennis Coaching Camp** at SJCE Tennis Courts.
From 1.12.16 to 28.2.17	**Mysuru Tennis Club Tennis Coaching Camp** at Tennis Courts for boys & girls above 5 years.
From 1.12.16 to 28.2.17	**Charan's Academy of Tennis** coaching for boys & girls at Vijayanagar Courts
FOOTBALL	
MDFA 'C' Division football league 2016-17	
19.2.17	KSRTC FC vs Nethaji FC
20.2.17	East Mysore FC vs Shivaji FC
CRICKET	
Col.C.K.Nayudu U-23 Plate group tournament	
From 19.2.17 to 22.2.17	**Karnataka vs Uttar Pradesh** SDNR Wadayar Platinum Jubilee University grounds, Mysuru

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term Y.A.S. stand for?
2. In which sport is the term 'Advantage' associated with?
3. The 'IFA Shield' is associated with which sport ?
4. Who is the captain of the visiting Australian cricket team presently tourning India?
5. Who is the Indian men's table tennis player who has entered the semi-finals in the men's singles event in the World Tour India Open Table tennis event at New Delhi on Saturday?

1. Yatching Association of India 2. Tennis 3. Football
4. Steven Smith 5. Sharath Kamal

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Backwash water helps in Kukkarahalli Lake conservation

This picture, which shows backwash water being let into Kukkarahalli Lake, was sent by one of our readers. Backwashing refers to pumping water backwards after the filtration. Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), which supplies drinking water to the city, is letting around 10 lakh litre of backwash water into the Lake on daily basis which has been helping in its protection and conservation.

Plastic and Medical Wastes set on fire at Koorgalli

There have been several complaints about the waste being set on fire on the outskirts of the city. The photograph shows plastic and medical wastes being burnt at Koorgali Industrial Area near a garments factory. One of our readers has said that the waste is being burnt on a regular basis causing pollution and inconvenience to the commuters. Authorities concerned must take action to stop the menace.

SWR conducts drive against ticketless travelling

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (VNS)- In a bid to curb ticketless travel, the South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, conducted a massive drive on Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Section on Feb. 16.

Around 30 ticket-checking staff and 60 RPF Personnel, led by Divisional Commercial Manager D.P. Halappa and RPF Asst. Security Commissioner Ramakrishnappa, booked cases against a total of 127 persons for violating the provisions of Railways Act, 1989. The officials collected a fine of Rs. 20,000. As many as 24 offenders were sent to jail by the Magistrate for not paying the fine.

Atul Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru, has said that similar checks would be intensified in the days to come and ticketless travellers and other violating the Railway rules would be dealt with severe action.

Running of Yesvantpur-Pandharpur Weekly Tatkal Special Express

Mysuru, Feb.19- South Western Railway has decided to run Train No. 06541/06542, Yesvantpur-Pandharpur-Yesvantpur Weekly Tatkal Special Express for 18 trips in each direction to clear extra rush of passengers during summer.

Train No. 06541, Yesvantpur-Pandharpur Weekly Tatkal Special Express departs Yesvantpur at 18:00 hrs. on every Thursday with effect from 2nd March, 2017 to 29th June, 2017 (total 18 trips) and reaches Pandharpur at 11:35 hrs. on respective Fridays.

Train No. 06542, Pandharpur-Yesvantpur Weekly Tatkal Special Express departs Pandharpur at 13:35 hrs. on every Friday with effect from 3rd March, 2017 to 30th June, 2017 (total 18 trips) and arrives at Yesvantpur at 06:20 hrs. on respective Saturdays. Enroute, the train has stoppages at Tumakuru, Arsikere, Davangere, Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Ghataprabha, Kudachi, Miraj, Kavathe Mahankal, Dhalgaon, Sangole in both directions.

The train composition will have one first AC-cum-second AC coach, one AC 2-tier coach, four AC 3-tier coaches, ten second class sleeper coaches, two general second class coaches and two luggage-cum-Brakevan/Luggage-cum-Brakevan-cum-Disabled coaches.

Continuation of Sambalpur -Yesvantpur Weekly Suvidha Special Express

Mysuru, Feb.19- Railway has decided to continue the service of T.No. 82831/83832, Sambalpur-Yesvantpur-Sambalpur Weekly Suvidha Special Express for 18 more trips in each direction to clear extra rush of passengers during summer.

Train No. 82831, Sambalpur-Yesvantpur Weekly Suvidha Special will depart Sambalpur at 09:30 hrs. on every Wednesday with effect from 1st March, 2017 to 28th June, 2017 (18 trips) and arrives at Yesvantpur at 16:40 hrs. the next day.

Train No. 82832, Yesvantpur-Sambalpur Weekly Suvidha Special will leave Yesvantpur at 00:30 hrs. on every Friday with effect from 3rd March, 2017 to 30th June, 2017 and reaches Sambalpur at 06:35 hrs. on respective Saturdays. Enroute, the train has stoppages at Bargarh Road, Bolangir, Titlagarh, Kesinga, Raygada, Vizianagaram, Vishakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Gudur, Renigunta, Katpadi, Jolarpettai, Krishnarajapuram in both directions.

The train composition will have 18 coaches comprising one AC 2-tier coach, three AC 3-tier coaches, ten second class sleeper coaches, two general second class coaches and two luggage-cum-Brakevan coaches.

Partial Cancellation of Trains due to Non-Interlocking work at Londa

Mysuru, Feb. 19- Railway Board has permitted to take up the Pre Non-Interlocked working for 17 days from Feb. 10 to Feb. 26, 2017 and Non-Interlocked working for 2 days from Feb. 27 to Feb. 28, 2017 at Londa Junction for commissioning of Londa stage-1 work in connection with doubling of Hubballi-Londa-Vasco-da-gama sections.

As such, Train No. 51431/51432, Miraj-Londa-Miraj Passenger will be partially cancelled between Londa-Gunji-Londa for 11 days from Feb. 18 to Feb. 28; Train No. 51405/51406, Miraj-Castlerock-Miraj Passenger will be partially cancelled between Belagavi-Castlerock-Belagavi for 11 days from Feb. 18 to Feb. 28.

Miscreants set fire to 'Dodda Ratha' in Chamarajanagar

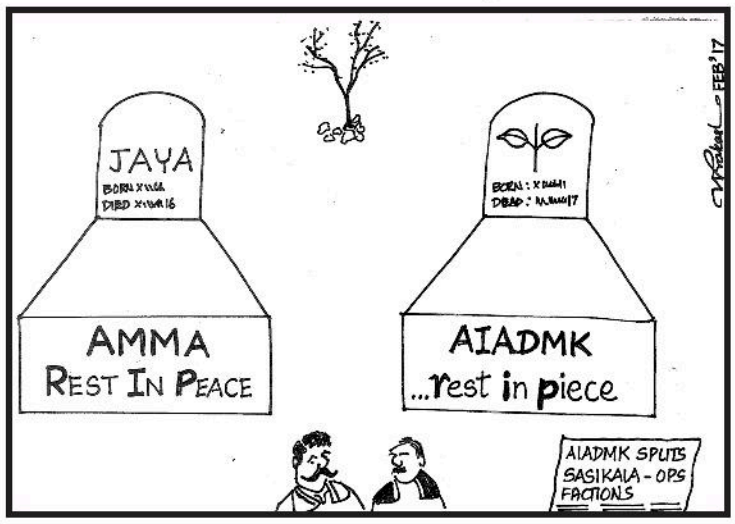
Chamarajanagar, Feb.19 (US&SS)- The 'Dodda Ratha,' stationed in front of the famous Chamarajeshwara Temple here, was partially damaged when a few miscreants allegedly set fire to the 'Ratha' late last night. The 'Dodda Ratha' is said to be the lead chariot in the 'Rathotsava' being organised every year in July. The fire on the 'Ratha' was noticed by the security guard at the nearby ATM kiosk of Syndicate Bank last night who immediately alerted the Police. A fire fighting engine was summoned and its personnel managed to douse the fire thus preventing a major mishap.

About 25% of the 'Ratha' is believed to have been damaged. Members of various pro-Kannada organisations staged a protest in that context at important junctions in the town and in front of the Temple urging the Police to nab the culprits and punish them soon.

The Town Police have registered the case and investigation is on.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Periyapatna MLA K. Venkatesh justifies corruption!

Says how can one amass wealth without corruption?

K. Venkatesh

Bettadapura, Feb.19- "Whenever we go to people seeking votes, they ask for money and how can we amass money without indulging in corrupt practices?" This was the question posed by Periyapatna MLA K. Venkatesh who is also the Bengaluru Development Authority Chairman.

He was speaking after performing *Bhoomi Puja* for development works worth Rs. 20 lakh at Mullusoge village in the taluk yesterday.

"One Shivakumar is saying that people accuse me of being corrupt. But the same people demand money whenever I go to them seeking votes. Where will I get money to give them and hence, I will have to indulge in corruption," he said drawing a loud applause from the audience.

Continuing, he opined that corruption among politicians could be curbed only when people cast their votes without aspiring for the extra buck from them during elections.

E-learning programme launched

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (YDS&DM)- The E-learning Lab, a three-week programme to train non-professional cadres to have knowledge of EDUSAT/INSAT 4CR Satellite through distance learning, was launched at JSS University here recently. Speaking after launching the programme, JSS University Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh said that the ISRO-IIRS (Indian Institute of Remote Sensing) approved the E-learning Centre at the University's Faculty of Life Sciences for its 19th E-learning Programme (3 weeks) which concludes on Mar.10, 2017.

Post-Graduate students, Research scholars and faculty from different disciplines have registered for the programme, which is aimed at empowering human resource in the field of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Highlighting the importance of GIS in the fields of National Resource Management, Environment and Disaster Management, he said that such outreach programmes was much needed for policy makers.

Dr. Kushalappa, Director (Academics), JSS University, programme Co-ordinator Dr. S. Balasubramaniam Prof. K. Nagesha, Head, Faculty of Life Sciences, Prof. Chandrashekarappa, Chairman and others were present.

Hotel owners appeal CM to give due consideration to tourism in Budget

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (RK&DM)- The Karnataka Pradesha Hotel and Restaurant Owners Association has appealed Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to give importance for Tourism Development in the State Budget to be presented next month.

A delegation of the Association, led by its President M. Rajendra, which met Chief Minister at his Bengaluru residence recently, submitted a memorandum seeking reduction in Hotel tax from 4 percent to 2 percent, renewal of bar licenses of Restaurants located along Highways, establishment of 4 Regional Tourism Offices in the State to be headed by an IAS Officer, renovation of KRS, Sanction of land for building Hotels and Restaurants and reduction in fee or inter-State permit of tourist vehicles, among others.

The Mysore Industries Association (MIA) too, led by its Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain, submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister seeking to include appropriate measures in the State Budget for promotion of Industries.

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'Common sense and alertness - Key to become a successful advocate'

Valedictory of Moot Court Contest this evening

Former High Court Judge Ajit J. Gunjal is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the inaugurating the three-day 15th National Moot Court Competition at JSS Law College in city on Friday as others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (SBD&DM)- Observing that common sense, time sense and alertness are vital for the success of an advocate, former High Court Judge Ajit J. Gunjal has called upon the advocates to update their knowledge in keeping with the times.

He was speaking after inaugurating the three-day 15th National Moot Court Competition organised by JSS Law College in association with Chennai's Surana & Surana International Law Agency (SSILA), at the JSS Law College here on Friday.

Pointing out that there were many books on Law to gain legal knowledge, he said that Law Colleges should make attempts to unearth leadership qualities in their students.

Highlighting that Colleges play a key role in developing skills among students, Justice Gunjal (retd.) said that the Moot Court contest will greatly help in reviving the hidden talent among Law students.

Underlining that rendering legal service is not a business, he exhorted the advocates to render appropriate legal advice to the people, by least bothering about gain or loss.

Noting that legal service is a social service, he said that such Moot Courts will greatly benefit the budding advocates.

Principal District and Sessions Judge PGM Patil, Mysore Bar Association President G.V. Ramamurthy, JSS Law College Principal Prof. K.S. Suresh, faculty Dr. Ravichandran, Prof. M.P. Nagendramurthy and others were present.

Nearly 25 Law Colleges from across the country are taking part in this contest.

Valedictory: The valedictory will take place at 5 pm today (Feb.19). Former HC Judge N. Kumar will deliver the valedictory address. Advocate General Aditya Sondhi, Natl. Company Law Tribunal Member Ratakonda Murali, Income Tax Joint Commissioner K.R. Narayan will be the chief guests.

'Kannada has survived only because of rural people'

14th Mandya District Kannada Sahitya Sammelana

Mandya, Feb. 19 (US&NG)- "Kannada has survived only because of rural people," opined Littérateur M. Krishnegowda, President of 14th District Kannada Sahitya Sammelana which was held at Sir M.V. Stadium here on Friday. In his presidential address, Krishnegowda said that Kannada was an integral part of folklore which has strong roots in rural areas. He hailed the contributions of B. Rangaswamy, K.R. Krishnaswamy and H.L. Nagegowda of the district for folk and literature sectors, who have carried on the legacy of poets of yesteryears. He advised every Kannadiga to strive for the language and sought equal support by the Government.

Continuing, Krishnegowda lamented that the water scarcity in the district had resulted in black-mailing politics between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

Speaking on the occasion, District in-Charge Minister M. Krishnappa hailed the district for contributing a good lot of political leaders and littérateurs.

Addressing the gathering, MP C.S. Puttaraju regretted that people today were strongly drawn towards English and Kannadigas have gradually become a minority in Bengaluru and added that Kannada was gaining importance abroad and not in the State capital.

Books of various writers were released on the occasion.

Sammelana President Krishnegowda and his wife were brought to the venue from Raitha Sabhagana in a colourful procession accompanied by several folk troupes exhibiting their talents.

Deputy Chairman of Legislative Council Marithibbegowda, former Legislators M. Srinivas, M.S. Atmananda, ZP President Premakumari, Vice-President Gayatri, Littérateur Nagathihalli Chandrashekar, DC S. Ziaullah, NRI Welfare Committee Vice-Chairperson Dr. Arathi Krishna, Town Municipal President Boregowda, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Ravikumar and others were present.

Progressive farmers Narasaraju, Basavaraju, Krishnegowda and Yogananda were felicitated on the occasion. A cultural programme was also held later.

Winners of Urdu Quiz

Mysuru, Feb. 19- Maheen Khanum (daughter of Yousuff Ahmed Khan); Azra Kousar (daughter of Aslam Pasha) and Sanifa (daughter of Mohammed Shamshuddin), X standard students of Farooqia Girls' High School, managed by Rifahul Muslimeen Educational Trust, have won first prize in the quiz contest and were awarded 'Sitara of Mysuru District' at Yaum-e-Urdu Mahfil-e-Nisa Urdu Sitarooki Khoj-2 organised by Karnataka Urdu Academy at Ambedkar Bhavan in Bengaluru recently.

Urban Development Minister R. Roshan Baig, Karnataka Urdu Academy Chairman Azizulla Baig and Mahfil-e-Nisa President Dr. Shasta Yusuff were the chief guests at the programme.

Applications invited for Arabic course

Mysuru, Feb. 19 - Madarasa-e-Moinia Wakf Centre has invited applications for one-year certificate course in functional Arabic from those who have knowledge of Urdu and Arabic and particularly passed in Aalim course.

The course is sponsored by the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi. Interested persons may obtain the application forms from Madarasa-e-Moinia, 7th Cross, Irwin Road on working days from 11 am to 1 pm.

For details, contact Mob: 98804-36846.

Dist. Police to release directory

SP Ravi D. Channannavar at Janaspandana

Ravi

Mysuru, Feb. 19 (PM&DM)- The Mysuru district will soon release a 400 page directory containing the e-mail address and telephone numbers of people representatives from village level to the national level, the President of India, the Prime Minister's office and senior officials, according to **SP Ravi D. Channannavar.**

Speaking to press persons after 'Janaspandana' meet at his office here on Thursday, the SP said that apart from this directory, the district Police are also planning to bring out three more handbooks containing vital information on general laws, Government programmes, benefits to SC/ST communities announced by the Central and State Governments, Indian Constitution, Rights and Duties of a individual etc., and also on district Police.

The Directory and handbooks will be distributed free of cost to every GP, Government School and Public Library and as well to Nimiti Kendras and NGOs, the SP added.

Stating that 8,400 citizens with five persons from every village of the district have been made members of the Citizen Consultative Committee, Channannavar said that the Janaspandana Meet will be held every Thursday at 3.30 pm. He further said that all the Dy.SPs and Police Inspectors of the district have been asked to submit a report once in a fortnight on the measures taken by them to curb illegal activities.

Asphalting works launched

Corporator and former Mayor Ayub Khan is seen inaugurating the asphalting work undertaken by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) with an estimated cost of Rs. 35 lakh at Old Khabarasthan in city. Corporators K.C. Shoukath Pasha, Ramu & Suhail Baig, Anjuman-e-Tahaffuz-e- Khabarsthan Committee General Secretary Mahmood Ali Khan, Committee Members Fiaz Pasha & Dada Peer, MCC Development Officer Srinivas and Engineer Vijay Kumar were also present.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Preethi Prema	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Melukote Manja	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chowka	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Dodmane Huduga	Sri Maruthi	2521923	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
R.A. Pushpaka Vimana	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Tonic	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
141	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
The Ghazi Attack	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Miss Teacher	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Singam-3	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Ennodu Vilayadu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Om Namo Venkatesaya	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows

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Lego Batman Movie (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 5.25 pm
Kirik Party (K)	(S-1)	12.50 pm
Chowka (K)	(S-1)	3.45 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Ezra (Ma)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Irada (H)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
Hidden Figures (E)	(S-2)	7.25 pm
Running Shaadi (H)	(S-3)	11.30 am, 1.45 pm
Mana Manthana (K)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-3)	7.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Singam -3 (Ta)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
Jolly LLB 2 (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

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Lego Batman Movie (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 2.55 pm, 7.35 pm
Running Shaadi (H)	(S-1)	5.10 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am
Hidden Figures (E)	(S-3)	1.00 pm, 9.40 pm
Jolly LLB 2 (H)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 3.50 pm, 9.55 pm
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Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON MONDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Sannutigeete, 6.45 Bhavageete, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 8.35 Navilugari, 10.00 Music Prog., 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Film Songs, 12.30 pm Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devaranama, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Bandani, 3.00 Vividha Bharati Programme, 4.00 Yakshagana - Talamaddale, 5.00 Film Songs, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.16 Rangageete, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs.

TV TONIGHT

ZEE TV
11:00 am TBA
12:00 TBA
2:30 pm TBA
3:00 TBA
7:00 Zee Rishtey Awards 2016

StarPlus
6:30 pm Meri Durga
7:00 Saathiya
7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
8:00 Dil Hai Hindustani
9:00 Shah Rukh aur Salman - Full Blast
10:30 Star Valentines Day

SONY
3:30 pm Indian Idol
4:30 Indian Idol
5:30 Indian Idol
6:30 The Kapil Sharma Show
8:00 Indian Idol
9:00 The Kapil Sharma Show
10:30 C.I.D

Discovery Channel
5:00 pm Super Senses
5:30 Super Senses
6:00 Gold Rush
7:00 Still Alive
8:00 The Real Hustle
8:30 The Real Hustle
9:00 Mumbai Railway
10:00 Man Vs. Wild

Star Sports 1
6:30 pm Superstars
7:00 This Weeks Special
7:30 Best of India vs. Australia 2017
8:00 Game Plan : Auction Special
8:30 Best of ISL 2016
9:00 Superstars
9:30 Sri Lanka Tour of South Africa

National Geographic
5:30 pm Nat Geo Extreme Wild
6:30 Do or Die : Deadly Rapids
7:00 Nat Geo Weekends
7:30 Nat Geo Weekends
8:30 Nat Geo Weekends
9:00 No Man Left Behind
10:00 India Unlocked

Cartoon Network
5:00 pm Oggy and the Cockroaches
7:30 Oggy and the Cockroaches
10:00 Oggy and the Cockroaches
11:00 Dragon Ball Z
11:30 Dragon Ball Z

GTV
5:00 pm Athiradi Hero's - Film Based Show
5:30 **Aarathu Sinam**
7:00 News
7:30 **Aarathu Sinam**
10:00 Bhairavi
11:00 Super Challenge

Udaya
3:00 pm Movie: **Uppi 2**
6:00 Movie: **Master Piece**
9:00 Sooper Kabbadi
10:00 Movie: **Aditya**

MOVIES TONIGHT

Star Movies
4:30 pm **The Jungle Book**
7:00 **Anaconda 3**
9:00 **Resident Evil: Retribution**
11:00 **The Hills Have Eyes**

HBO
3:01 pm **Deep Blue Sea**
5:00 **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**
8:00 **The Dark Knight Rises**

WB
5:14 pm **The One**
6:47 **Sherlock Holmes**
9:00 **Ip Man 3**
10:52 **The Covenant**

&pix Max
3:00 pm **Movie**
6:00 **Movie**
9:00 **Movie**

Zee Cinema
2:02 pm **Hum Aapke Hain Kaun...!**
6:30 **Action Mania**
9:00 **Nayak: The Real Hero**

Filmy
5:30 pm **Infomercial**
6:00 **Delhi Belly**
8:30 **Infomercial**
9:00 **Mausam**

&pix
4:19 pm **Movie**
5:58 **Movie**
8:19 **Movie**
11:00 **Movie**

Udaya Movies
4:00 pm **Love in Mandya**
7:00 **Namm Yajamanru**
10:00 **Havu Eni Aata**

StarGOLD
1:30 pm **The Jungle Book**
3:50 **Kick**
9:55 **Dadagiri (2012)**

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.19)

Arya Samaja: Maharshi Dayananda Saraswathi Samsmarane, Discourse by Sri Acharya Nareshji, **4.30 pm;** Valedictory and felicitation, Vidyaranya Convention Hall, opp. Sterling Theatre, Vishweshwaranagar, **6 pm.**

Prachodayath Vipra Sangha: Sri Purandara, Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsav and felicitation to senior artistes, Avani Sringeri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthanam, Sharada Peeta (Mysuru Branch), Vidyaranyapuram, **5 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Kumaravyasa Gurukula and Kavyaranjani Sabha: Saraswathibai Samsmarane, 'Kumaravyasa Bharata - Kaamyakavanadalli Srikrishna Sandarshana' Vaachana by Vidu. A. Susheela and Vyaakyaana b yVidu. Dinamani Srinivasamurthy, #1315/2, 3rd Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampoorna Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Articulate Mysore: Articulate Festival, Bharatanatyam by Jugnu Kiran Kapadia, Kuchipudi by Chethan Gangatkar and Chandra Prabha Chethan; Odissi by Meghna Das and Kathak by Laxminarayan Jena, Premier Complex, Premier Studios, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru: Talk by Swami Hamsanandaji in English on the topic 'Techniques of Divine Living' based on Sadhana Panchakam written by Adi Shankaracharya, Ramana Jnana Kendra, near Apollo BGS Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Saint Tyagaraja and Saint Purandaradasa Aradhana, Concluding Session and Maha Mangalarati, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Dharmapuriya Devadasi,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**

Astanga Yoga Vignana Mandiram: Discourse by Dr. K.L. Shankaranarayana Jois on 'Ashra Samskruthi - Samskara-18,' Mandiram premises, Lakshmipuram, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.20)

Sri Jayachamaraja Urs Education Trust - Sri Vani Vilas Urs FGC for Women, Nazarbad: Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar's birth anniversary celebrations, journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guest and speaker, Trust Vice-President Dr. Bharati Sridhar Raje Urs presides, College premises, **11 am.**

Pooja Bhagavat Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, PG Wing of SBRR Mahajana FCG: Special lecture on 'Inspiration from nature: Far-reaching impact of toxin research' by Dr. Manjunatha Kini, Prof., Dept. of Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore, PG auditorium, **11 am.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Ursu Mandali Society: 64th Birth Anniversary celebration of late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, Society premises, 15th Cross, Thyagaraja Road, **5.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar Memorial Music programme, veena recital by Vidu. Pushpa Kashinath, accompanied by Vid. B.R. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. A.V. Kashinath on khanjira, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampoorna Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya, Mysuru division: Golden Jubilee celebrations, 'Gnana-Vignana Divya Darshan' Mela, Jeevana Darshana by Dr. Basavaraja Rajarushi, Maharaja's College Grounds, **6.30 pm.**

Selected for 'Catch Them Young' training at Infosys

Mysuru, Feb. 19- **K. Akash,** 8th standard student of The Orchids Public School, has been selected for two weeks training programme at Infosys under 'Catch Them Young.'

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